

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

FARRAKHAN BEY, #153770 :  
Plaintiff :  
v. : CIVIL ACTION NO. L-09-2846  
BOBBY P. SHEARIN, et al. :  
Defendants :

**MEMORANDUM**

This is an action requesting mandamus relief. The Petitioner, Farrakhan Bey ("Bey"), is a Maryland Division of Correction ("DOC") inmate. In his petition, Bey moves to have records of his prison bank account provided to him. His request for *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) shall be granted.

**I. Standard of Review**

Title 28 U.S.C. § 1331 confers "original jurisdiction of any action in the nature of mandamus to compel an officer or employee of the United States to perform a duty owed to the plaintiff." Federal district courts have no mandamus jurisdiction over state employees. See Gurley v. Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, 411 F.2d 586, 587 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1969).

**II. Analysis**

This Court has no authority to compel State corrections officials to provide Bey with copies of his prison account ledgers.

**III. Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, the Court will, by separate Order:

- (i) GRANT Bey leave to file *in forma pauperis*;
- (ii) DISMISS Bey's request for mandamus relief;

- (iii) DIRECT the Clerk to CLOSE this case; and
- (iv) DIRECT the Clerk to Mail a copy of the Memorandum and Order to Bey.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2009.

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Benson Everett Legg  
Chief Judge